



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY BUSINESS LICENSE COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<http://board.co.la.ca.us/blc>**

Wednesday, April 9, 2014

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-1755)

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Present: President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

Absent: Commissioner Shan Lee and Commissioner James Barger

1. Call to Order. (14-1676)

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

2. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of March 12, 2014. (14-1677)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried by the following vote, this item was approved:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

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II. PUBLIC HEARINGS

3. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 140917, to issue a new license to Carla Hunt Smallwood, owner of Dance Studio 84, located at 27889 Smyth Drive, Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (14-1678)

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Annual Dance business license and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Carla Hunt Smallwood, owner of Dance Studio 84, provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Hunt Smallwood indicated that the studio offers lessons in various dance styles such as tap, jazz, ballet, hip hop, step and tumbling to patrons three years of age to adult with approximately 745 patrons.

In response to questions posed by President Afriat, Ms. Hunt Smallwood confirmed the existence of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

On motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the condition that they comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

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4. Hearing on application for Annual Dance/SC for the City of Santa Clarita, Business License ID# 139851, to issue a new license to NMP Inc./Jacqueline Hill, President of Elite Dance Studios, located at 28368 Constellation Road #330, Santa Clarita, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (14-1679)

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Annual Dance business license and the hearing is being held for the City of Santa Clarita. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; the City of Santa Clarita has no objection to the issuance of the license.

Jacqueline Hill, representative for Elite Dance Studios, provided a brief overview of the business. Ms. Hill indicated that the studio offers lessons in various dance styles such as tap, jazz, ballet and lyrical to approximately 400 patrons, 2 - 18 years of age. Hours of operation are generally Monday through Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; however, Saturday classes are held from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ms. Hill also stated that the facility is approximately 4,100 square feet and 2 - 3 classes are held at once with 4 - 6 classes per day.

In response to questions posed by the Commission, Ms. Hill confirmed that most staff and applicants are professional dancers pursuing careers in teaching choreography.

On motion of Commissioner Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the condition that they comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

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5. Hearing on application for Entertainment-General, Business License ID# 140916, to issue a new license to Marie Callender's #97, Marie Callender's Pie Shop, LLC, John Charles Bowler, Senior Vice President of Operations, located at 27630 The Old Road, Valencia, CA 91355 in the Fifth District. (14-1680)

Rita Bowman, Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office (TTC), reported that the application is for an Entertainment-General business license. The applicant has obtained all the necessary County approvals; TTC has no objection to the issuance of the license.

John Charles Bowler, representative for Marie Callender's Pie Shop, LLC, provided a brief overview of the business. Mr. Bowler indicated that entertainment will consist of a family friendly, Comedy Show Night. The show is held in the bar area; Friday and Saturday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Mr. Bowler confirmed that the facility does have a stage however, there is no dressing room.

President Afriat explained that a licensed manager must be present when utilizing the license; in Mr. Bowler's absence, another manager must be licensed during the show.

The Commission asked TTC to ensure they inform applicants of the license requirements.

On motion of President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Campbell, and unanimously carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the aforementioned license with the following conditions:

1. Comply with the existing Conditional Use Permit; and
2. Stage and dressing room waiver.

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

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III. RECOMMENDATION

6. Consideration and possible acceptance of a request for hearing submitted after the required fling period for denial of a Taxicab Driver submitted by Jose L. Garcia of 1(800) Taxicab/Yellow in the First District. (14-1681)

President Afriat introduced this item to the Commission. He explained that the applicant Jose L. Garcia, Taxicab Driver for 1(800) Taxicab/Yellow, submitted a request for a hearing in response to a Notice of Denial he received from the Sheriff's Department. The request was received after the filing due date.

Discussion ensued on accepting the request for hearing and the five day timeframe given to applicants.

After discussion, on motion of Secretary Vasquez, seconded by President Afriat and unanimously carried, the five day requirement was waived and the request for a public hearing was granted by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - President Steven Afriat, Vice President Renée Campbell and Secretary Sara Vasquez

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IV. REPORTS

7. Commissioners' Comments. (14-1682)

The Commission reviewed the calendar for April 2014 and agreed to cancel the meetings of April 16, April 23, and April 30, 2014.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 7, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-1683)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

9. Adjournment for the meeting of April 9, 2014. (14-1684)

On motion of Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 9:27 a.m.